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## **Motorist Charged with Assault, False Imprisonment, Hit-and-Run**

A 43-year-old man accused of attacking motorists will be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Donald James Kleven (dob 4/8/72) has been charged with eight counts: three counts of assault with a deadly weapon -- an automobile, three counts of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage and one count each of false imprisonment by violence and vandalism over \$400 damage in case NA101810.

Kleven is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department SO1 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$160,000.

Prosecutors said between March and April of this year, Kleven reportedly assaulted several motorists with his car in the Long Beach and Carson area.

The defendant would allegedly follow his victims, pull up in front of them with his car, and then cause a crash, prosecutors said.

On April 24, Kleven purportedly blocked a victim on an onramp, exited his vehicle and then began kicking the victim's car, prosecutors added.

Authorities began an investigation and prosecutors charged Kleven on May 12. The defendant was taken into custody the next day.

If convicted as charged, Kleven faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years and 10 months in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.